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## ACT REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

Sections 361a to 361i, commonly known as the Hatch Act of 1887, are referred to in sections 384, 390b, 418, 450i, 3103, 3124a, 3311 of this title; title 16 section 582a-1; title 40 section 483.

**§ 361. Repealed. Aug. 11, 1955, ch. 790, § 2, 69 Stat. 674**

Section, acts Mar. 16, 1906, ch. 951, § 4, 34 Stat. 64; Feb. 24, 1925, ch. 308, § 4, 43 Stat. 971, provided for the administration of the agricultural experiment station program. See section 361g of this title.

## EXISTING RIGHTS AND LIABILITIES

Section 2 of act Aug. 11, 1955, which repealed sections 361, 364, 366, 369, 369a, 371 to 376, 380, 382, 383, 386 to 386f, 427a to 427h, and 427j of this title, provided in part that any rights or liabilities existing under such repealed sections or parts of sections should not be affected by their repeal.

**§ 361a. Congressional declaration of purpose; definitions**

It is the policy of Congress to continue the agricultural research at State agricultural experiment stations which has been encouraged and supported by the Hatch Act of 1887 [7 U.S.C. 361a et seq.], the Adams Act of 1906, the Purnell Act of 1925, the Bankhead-Jones Act of 1935, and title I, section 9, of that Act as added by the Act of August 14, 1946, and Acts amendatory and supplementary thereto, and to promote the efficiency of such research by a codification and simplification of such laws. As used in this Act [7 U.S.C. 361a et seq.], the terms “State” or “States” are defined to include the several States (including the District of Columbia), Alaska, Hawaii, Puerto Rico, Guam and the Virgin Islands. As used in this Act [7 U.S.C. 361a et seq.], the term “State agricultural experiment station” means a department which shall have been established, under direction of the college

or university or agricultural departments of the college or university in each State in accordance with an Act approved July 2, 1862, (12 Stat. 503), entitled “An Act donating public lands to the several States and Territories which may provide colleges for the benefit of agriculture and the mechanic arts” [7 U.S.C. 301 et seq.]; or such other substantially equivalent arrangements as any State shall determine.

(Mar. 2, 1887, ch. 314, § 1, 24 Stat. 440; Aug. 11, 1955, ch. 790, § 1, 69 Stat. 671; June 23, 1972, Pub. L. 92-318, title V, § 506(k), 86 Stat. 351; Oct. 26, 1974, Pub. L. 93-471, title II, § 208(e), 88 Stat. 1429.)

## REFERENCES IN TEXT

The Hatch Act of 1887, referred to in text, is act Mar. 2, 1887, ch. 314, 24 Stat. 440, as amended, which is classified generally to sections 361a to 361i of this title. For complete classification of this act to the Code, see Short Title note set out below, and Tables.

The Adams Act of 1906, referred to in text, is act Mar. 16, 1906, ch. 951, 34 Stat. 63, as amended, which was classified to sections 361, 366, 369, 371, 373 to 376, 380, and 382 of this title, and was repealed by act Aug. 11, 1955, ch. 790, § 2, 69 Stat. 674. For complete classification of this Act to the Code prior to repeal, see Tables.

The Purnell Act of 1925, referred to in text, is act Feb. 24, 1925, ch. 308, 43 Stat. 970, as amended, which was classified to sections 361, 366, 370, 371, 373 to 376, 380, and 382 of this title, and was repealed by act Aug. 11, 1955, ch. 790, § 2, 69 Stat. 674. For complete classification of this Act to the Code prior to repeal, see Tables.

The Bankhead-Jones Act of 1935, referred to in text, is act June 29, 1935, ch. 338, 49 Stat. 436, as amended, which was classified principally to sections 329 and 427 to 427j of this title, and was repealed by act Aug. 11, 1966, ch. 790, § 2, 69 Stat. 674, except for sections 1, 10, and 22 of the Act, which are classified to sections 427, 427i, and 329 of this title, respectively. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Tables.

Title I, section 9, of that Act, referred to in text, was classified to section 427h of this title prior to repeal.

The Act approved July 2, 1862 (12 Stat. 503), referred to in text, is act July 2, 1862, ch. 130, 12 Stat. 503, as amended, popularly known as the “Morrill Act” and also as the “First Morrill Act”, which is classified generally to subchapter I of chapter 13 (§ 301 et seq.) of this title. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 301 of this Act and Tables.

## CODIFICATION

Section 208 of act Oct. 26, 1974, Pub. L. 93-471, cited as a credit to this section, was renumbered section “209” by act Nov. 1, 1975, D.C. Law 1-36, § 4, 22 DCR 2911.

Section was formerly classified to section 362 of this title.

## AMENDMENTS

1974—Pub. L. 93-471 defined “State” to include the District of Columbia.

1972—Pub. L. 92-318 defined “State” to include Guam and the Virgin Islands.

1955—Act Aug. 11, 1955, amended section generally to continue agricultural research at the agricultural experiment stations, to restate the declaration of purpose, and to insert definitions of “State” and “State agricultural experiment station.” Former provisions which required division of appropriations between colleges of same state are now contained in section 361h of this title.

## EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1974 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 93-471 effective July 1, 1975, unless Pub. L. 93-471 repealed by District of Columbia Council after Jan. 2, 1975, and prior to July 1, 1975; or

such amendment by Pub. L. 93-471, as amended by the District Council, also effective July 1, 1975, or some other date prescribed by the Council as authorized under provisions of section 407 of Pub. L. 93-471.

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1972 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 92-318 effective after June 30, 1970, see section 506(n) of Pub. L. 92-318, set out as an Effective Date note under section 326a of this title.

#### SHORT TITLE

Act Mar. 2, 1887, as amended, which is classified to sections 361a to 361i of this title, is popularly known as the "Hatch Act of 1887".

#### ARLINGTON ESTATE

Besides the provisions establishing agricultural experiment stations, contained in act Mar. 2, 1887, a portion of the Arlington estate in the State of Virginia was set apart for experimental agricultural purposes by act April 18, 1900, ch. 243, 31 Stat. 135, and provisions for establishing and maintaining a general experimental farm and agricultural station thereon were made by the subsequent agricultural appropriation acts.

#### ADMISSION OF ALASKA AND HAWAII TO STATEHOOD

Alaska was admitted into the Union on Jan. 3, 1959, on issuance of Proc. No. 3269, Jan. 3, 1959, 24 F.R. 81, 73 Stat. c16, and Hawaii was admitted into the Union on Aug. 21, 1959, on issuance of Proc. No. 3309, Aug. 21, 1959, 24 F.R. 6868, 73 Stat. c74. For Alaska Statehood Law, see Pub. L. 85-508, July 7, 1958, 72 Stat. 339, set out as a note preceding section 21 of Title 48, Territories and Insular Possessions. For Hawaii Statehood Law, see Pub. L. 86-3, Mar. 18, 1959, 73 Stat. 4, set out as a note preceding section 491 of Title 48.

#### CROSS REFERENCES

Exemption of experiment stations from penalties under Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938, see section 1372 of this title.

Increased annual appropriations for the endowment and maintenance of agricultural colleges, see sections 321 to 326 and 328 of this title.

#### SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in sections 361c, 361d, 361e, 361g, 361h, 361i, 418, 2664 of this title; title 16 section 582a-1.

### § 361b. Congressional statement of policy; researches, investigations and experiments

It is further the policy of the Congress to promote the efficient production, marketing, distribution, and utilization of products of the farm as essential to the health and welfare of our peoples and to promote a sound and prosperous agriculture and rural life as indispensable to the maintenance of maximum employment and national prosperity and security. It is also the intent of Congress to assure agriculture a position in research equal to that of industry, which will aid in maintaining an equitable balance between agriculture and other segments of our economy. It shall be the object and duty of the State agricultural experiment stations through the expenditure of the appropriations hereinafter authorized to conduct original and other researches, investigations, and experiments bearing directly on and contributing to the establishment and maintenance of a permanent and effective agricultural industry of the United States, including researches basic to the problems of agriculture in its broadest aspects, and such investigations as have for their pur-

pose the development and improvement of the rural home and rural life and the maximum contribution by agriculture to the welfare of the consumer, as may be deemed advisable, having due regard to the varying conditions and needs of the respective States.

(Mar. 2, 1887, ch. 314, § 2, 24 Stat. 440; Aug. 11, 1955, ch. 790, § 1, 69 Stat. 671.)

#### CODIFICATION

Section was formerly classified to section 363 of this title.

#### AMENDMENTS

1955—Act Aug. 11, 1955, amended section generally to restate the policy of Congress.

#### CROSS REFERENCES

Additional appropriations for research work, see section 427i of this title.

#### SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in section 361d of this title.

### § 361c. Authorization of appropriations and allotments of grants

#### (a) Authorization

There are authorized to be appropriated for the purposes of sections 361a to 361i of this title such sums as Congress may from time to time determine to be necessary.

#### (b) Allotments to States; authorization of appropriations for Virgin Islands and Guam; limitation

(1) Out of such sums each State shall be entitled to receive annually a sum of money equal to and subject to the same requirement as to use for marketing research projects as the sums received from Federal appropriations for State agricultural experiment stations for the fiscal year 1955, except that amounts heretofore made available from the fund known as the "Regional research fund, Office of Experiment Stations" shall continue to be available for the support of cooperative regional projects as defined in subsection (c)(3) of this section, and the said fund shall be designated "Regional research fund, State agricultural experiment stations," and the Secretary of Agriculture shall be entitled to receive annually for the administration of sections 361a to 361i of this title, a sum not less than that available for this purpose for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1955: *Provided*, That if the appropriations hereunder available for distribution in any fiscal year are less than those for the fiscal year 1955 the allotment to each State and the amounts for Federal administration and the regional research fund shall be reduced in proportion to the amount of such reduction.

(2) There is authorized to be appropriated for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1973, and for each fiscal year thereafter, for payment to the Virgin Islands and Guam, \$100,000 each, which sums shall be in addition to the sums appropriated for the several States of the United States and Puerto Rico under the provisions of this section. The amount paid by the Federal Government to the Virgin Islands and Guam pursuant to this paragraph shall not exceed during any fiscal

year, except the fiscal years ending June 30, 1971, and June 30, 1972, when such amount may be used to pay the total cost of providing services pursuant to sections 361a to 361i of this title, the amount available and budgeted for expenditure by the Virgin Islands and Guam for the purposes of such sections.

**(c) Allotment of additional sums**

Any sums made available by the Congress in addition to those provided for in subsection (b) of this section for State agricultural experiment station work shall be distributed as follows:

1. Twenty per centum shall be allotted equally to each State;

2. Not less than 52 per centum of such sums shall be allotted to each State, as follows: One-half in an amount which bears the same ratio to the total amount to be allotted as the rural population of the State bears to the total rural population of all the States as determined by the last preceding decennial census current at the time each such additional sum is first appropriated; and one-half in an amount which bears the same ratio to the total amount to be allotted as the farm population of the State bears to the total farm population of all the States as determined by the last preceding decennial census current at the time such additional sum is first appropriated;

3. Not more than 25 per centum shall be allotted to the States for cooperative research in which two or more State agricultural experiment stations are cooperating to solve problems that concern the agriculture of more than one State. The funds available for such purposes, together with funds available pursuant to subsection (b) of this section for like purpose shall be designated as the "Regional research fund, State agricultural experiment stations", and shall be used only for such cooperative regional projects as are recommended by a committee of nine persons elected by and representing the directors of the State agricultural experiment stations, and approved by the Secretary of Agriculture. The necessary travel expenses of the committee of nine persons in performance of their duties may be paid from the fund established by this paragraph;

4. Repealed. Pub. L. 95-113, title XIV, §1466(a), Sept. 29, 1977, 91 Stat. 1018.

5. Three per centum shall be available to the Secretary of Agriculture for administration of sections 361a to 361i of this title. These administrative funds may be used for transportation of scientists who are not officers or employees of the United States to research meetings convened for the purpose of assessing research opportunities or research planning.

**(d) Allotment of amounts in excess of \$90,000**

Of any amount in excess of \$90,000 available under sections 361a to 361i of this title for allotment to any State, exclusive of the regional research fund, State agricultural experiment stations, no allotment and no payments thereof shall be made in excess of the amount which the State makes available out of its own funds for research and for the establishment and maintenance of facilities necessary for the prosecution of such research: *And provided further*, That if any State fails to make available for such re-

search purposes for any fiscal year a sum equal to the amount in excess of \$90,000 to which it may be entitled for such year, the remainder of such amount shall be withheld by the Secretary of Agriculture and reapportioned among the States.

**(e) "Administration" defined**

"Administration" as used in this section shall include participation in planning and coordinating cooperative regional research as defined in subsection (c)3 of this section.

**(f) Adjustment of payments**

In making payments to States, the Secretary of Agriculture is authorized to adjust any such payment to the nearest dollar.

**(g) Reductions and reapportionments**

If in any year the amount made available by a State from its own funds (including any revenue-sharing funds) to a State agricultural experiment station is reduced because of an increase in the allotment made available under sections 361a to 361i of this title, the allotment to the State agricultural experiment station from the appropriation in the next succeeding fiscal year shall be reduced in an equivalent amount. The Secretary shall reapportion the amount of such reduction to other States for use by their agricultural experiment stations.

(Mar. 2, 1887, ch. 314, §3, 24 Stat. 441; Aug. 11, 1955, ch. 790, §1, 69 Stat. 671; June 23, 1972, Pub. L. 92-318, title V, §506(l), 86 Stat. 351; Sept. 29, 1977, Pub. L. 95-113, title XIV, §1466, 91 Stat. 1018; Dec. 22, 1981, Pub. L. 97-98, title XIV, §1442(a), 95 Stat. 1321; Nov. 28, 1990, Pub. L. 101-624, title XVI, §1618(a), 104 Stat. 3733.)

**CODIFICATION**

Section is based on first sentence of section 3 of act Mar. 2, 1887, which was formerly classified to section 368 of this title. See section 361g of this title. The second sentence of said section 3 was reenacted in act Feb. 24, 1925, ch. 308, §3, 43 Stat. 971, and was classified to former section 366 of this title which was repealed by act Aug. 11, 1955, ch. 790, §2, 69 Stat. 674.

**AMENDMENTS**

1990—Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 101-624 inserted before period at end "and reapportioned among the States".

1981—Subsec. (g). Pub. L. 97-98 added subsec. (g).

1977—Subsec. (c)(4). Pub. L. 95-113, §1466(a), struck out par. (4) which provided that not less than 20 per centum of any sums appropriated pursuant to subsec. (c) for distribution to States be used for conducting marketing research projects approved by the Department of Agriculture.

Subsec. (c)(5). Pub. L. 95-113, §1466(b), inserted provision authorizing the use of administrative funds for the transportation of scientists who are not officers or employees of the United States to research meetings convened for the purpose of assessing research opportunities or research planning.

1972—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 92-318 designated existing provisions as par. (1) and added par. (2).

1955—Act Aug. 11, 1955, amended section generally to authorize appropriations and to provide for allotment of grants. For provisions which related to advice and assistance by the Secretary of Agriculture, see section 361g of this title.

**EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1981 AMENDMENT**

Amendment by Pub. L. 97-98 effective Dec. 22, 1981, see section 1801 of Pub. L. 97-98, set out as an Effective Date note under section 4301 of this title.

## EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1977 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 95-113 effective Oct. 1, 1977, see section 1901 of Pub. L. 95-113, set out as a note under section 1307 of this title.

## EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1972 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 92-318 effective after June 30, 1970, see section 506(n) of Pub. L. 92-318, set out as an Effective Date note under section 326a of this title.

## CROSS REFERENCES

Additional appropriations for research work, see section 427i of this title.

Annual appropriations for agricultural colleges, see section 322 of this title.

## SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in sections 361e, 3222 of this title.

**§ 361d. Use of funds**

Moneys appropriated pursuant to sections 361a to 361i of this title shall also be available, in addition to meeting expenses for research and investigations conducted under authority of section 361b of this title, for printing and disseminating the results of such research, retirement of employees subject to the provisions of section 331 of this title, administrative planning and direction, and for the purchase and rental of land and the construction, acquisition, alteration, or repair of buildings necessary for conducting research. The State agricultural experiment stations are authorized to plan and conduct any research authorized under section 361b of this title in cooperation with each other and such other agencies and individuals as may contribute to the solution of the agricultural problems involved, and moneys appropriated pursuant to sections 361a to 361i of this title shall be available for paying the necessary expenses of planning, coordinating, and conducting such cooperative research.

(Mar. 2, 1887, ch. 314, § 4, 24 Stat. 441; Aug. 11, 1955, ch. 790, § 1, 69 Stat. 672.)

## CODIFICATION

Section was formerly classified to section 365 of this title.

## AMENDMENTS

1955—Act Aug. 11, 1955, amended section generally to provide for printing and disseminating the results of research, retirement of employees, administrative planning and direction, purchase and rental of land, and the construction, acquisition, alteration, or repair of buildings necessary for conducting research. Former provisions which related to issuance and free mailing of publications are now contained in section 361f of this title.

**§ 361e. Payment of allotments to State agricultural experiment stations; directors and treasurers or other officers; accounting; reports to Secretary; replacement by States of diminished, lost or misapplied allotments; subsequent allotments or payments contingent on such replacement**

Sums available for allotment to the States under the terms of sections 361a to 361i of this title, excluding the regional research fund authorized by section 361c(c)(3) of this title, shall be paid to each State agricultural experiment

station in equal quarterly payments beginning on the first day of each fiscal year upon vouchers approved by the Secretary of Agriculture. Each such station authorized to receive allotted funds shall have a chief administrative officer known as a director, and a treasurer or other officer appointed by the governing board of the station. Such treasurer or other officer shall receive and account for all funds allotted to the State under the provisions of sections 361a to 361i of this title and shall report, with the approval of the director, to the Secretary of Agriculture on or before the first day of December of each year a detailed statement of the amount received under provisions of said sections during the preceding fiscal year, and of its disbursement on schedules prescribed by the Secretary of Agriculture. If any portion of the allotted moneys received by the authorized receiving officer of any State agricultural experiment station shall by any action or contingency be diminished, lost, or misapplied, it shall be replaced by the State concerned and until so replaced no subsequent appropriation shall be allotted or paid to such State.

(Mar. 2, 1887, ch. 314, § 5, 24 Stat. 441; Aug. 11, 1955, ch. 790, § 1, 69 Stat. 673; Apr. 21, 1976, Pub. L. 94-273, § 9(2), 90 Stat. 378.)

## CODIFICATION

Section was formerly classified to section 368a of this title. See sections 361c and 361d of this title.

## AMENDMENTS

1976—Pub. L. 94-273 substituted "October" for "July" and "December" for "September".

1955—Act Aug. 11, 1955, amended section generally to provide for quarterly payment of allotments, to require annual report of allotments and disbursements, and to provide for replacement of funds diminished, lost, or misapplied. For provisions which authorized appropriations for investigations and experiments, see sections 361c and 361d of this title.

**§ 361f. Publications of experiment stations; free mailing**

Bulletins, reports, periodicals, reprints of articles, and other publications necessary for the dissemination of results of the researches and experiments, including lists of publications available for distribution by the experiment stations, shall be transmitted in the mails of the United States under penalty indicia: *Provided, however,* That each publication shall bear such indicia as are prescribed by the United States Postal Service and shall be mailed under such regulations as the United States Postal Service may from time to time prescribe. Such publications may be mailed from the principal place of business of the station or from an established subunit of said station.

(Mar. 2, 1887, ch. 314, § 6, 24 Stat. 441; Aug. 11, 1955, ch. 790, § 1, 69 Stat. 673; Aug. 12, 1970, Pub. L. 91-375, § 4(a), 84 Stat. 773.)

## CODIFICATION

Section was formerly classified to section 377 of this title. See section 361g of this title.

## AMENDMENTS

1955—Act Aug. 11, 1955, amended section generally to authorize free mailing of publications by the agricul-

tural experiment stations. For provisions which related to the unexpended balance of annual appropriation, see section 361g of this title.

#### TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

“United States Postal Service” substituted in text for “Postmaster General” pursuant to Pub. L. 91-375, §4(a), Aug. 12, 1970, 84 Stat. 773, set out as a note under section 201 of Title 39, Postal Service, which abolished office of Postmaster General of Post Office Department and transferred its functions to United States Postal Service.

#### CROSS REFERENCES

Penalty mail, authorization to use, see section 3202 of Title 39, Postal Service.

Preparation and printing of annual report of experiment stations, see section 418 of this title.

Sale of card index of literature prepared in connection with the administration of sections 361a to 361i of this title, see section 384 of this title.

### **§ 361g. Secretary of Agriculture; powers and duties; rules and regulations; determination of amount of entitlement; deduction of unexpended balances**

The Secretary of Agriculture is charged with the responsibility for the proper administration of sections 361a to 361i of this title, and is authorized and directed to prescribe such rules and regulations as may be necessary to carry out its provisions. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to furnish such advice and assistance as will best promote the purposes of said sections, including participation in coordination of research initiated under said sections by the State agricultural experiment stations, from time to time to indicate such lines of inquiry as to him seem most important, and to encourage and assist in the establishment and maintenance of cooperation by and between the several State agricultural experiment stations, and between the stations and the United States Department of Agriculture.

On or before the first day of October in each year after the passage of sections 361a to 361i of this title, the Secretary of Agriculture shall ascertain as to each State whether it is entitled to receive its share of the annual appropriations for agricultural experiment stations under said sections and the amount which thereupon each is entitled, respectively, to receive.

Whenever it shall appear to the Secretary of Agriculture from the annual statement of receipts and expenditures of funds by any State agricultural experiment station that any portion of the preceding annual appropriation allotted to that station under sections 361a to 361i of this title remains unexpended, such amount shall be deducted from the next succeeding annual allotment to the State concerned.

If the Secretary of Agriculture shall withhold from any State any portion of the appropriations available for allotment, the facts and reasons therefor shall be reported to the President and the amount involved shall be kept separate in the Treasury until the close of the next Congress. If the next Congress shall not direct such sum to be paid, it shall be carried to surplus.

(Mar. 2, 1887, ch. 314, §7, 24 Stat. 441; Aug. 11, 1955, ch. 790, §1, 69 Stat. 673; June 29, 1960, Pub. L. 86-533, §1(22), 74 Stat. 249; Apr. 21, 1976, Pub. L. 94-273, §3(2), 90 Stat. 376.)

#### CODIFICATION

Section was formerly classified to section 379 of this title. See section 361h of this title.

#### AMENDMENTS

1976—Pub. L. 94-273 substituted “October” for “July” in second par.

1960—Pub. L. 86-533 repealed provisions which required the Secretary of Agriculture to make a report to the Congress of the receipts, expenditures and work of the agricultural experiment stations in all the States under the provisions of sections 361a to 361i of this title.

1955—Act Aug. 11, 1955, amended section generally to prescribe the powers and duties of the Secretary of Agriculture, to provide for the determination of the amount of entitlement, to authorize deduction of unexpended balances, and to require reports. For provisions which stated that the relation of the college to the State was unaffected, see section 361h of this title.

#### TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

Functions of all officers, agencies, and employees of Department of Agriculture transferred, with certain exceptions, to Secretary of Agriculture by 1953 Reorg. Plan No. 2, §1, eff. June 4, 1953, 18 F.R. 3219, 67 Stat. 633, set out as a note under section 2201 of this title.

### **§ 361h. Relation of college or university to State unaffected; division of appropriations**

Nothing in sections 361a to 361i of this title shall be construed to impair or modify the legal relation existing between any of the colleges or universities under whose direction State agricultural experiment stations have been established and the government of the States in which they are respectively located. States having agricultural experiment stations separate from such colleges or universities and established by law, shall be authorized to apply such benefits to research at stations so established by such States: *Provided*, That in any State in which more than one such college, university, or agricultural experiment station has been established the appropriations made pursuant to sections 361a to 361i of this title for such State shall be divided between such institutions as the legislature of such State shall direct.

(Mar. 2, 1887, ch. 314, §8, 24 Stat. 441; Aug. 11, 1955, ch. 790, §1, 69 Stat. 674.)

#### CODIFICATION

Section was formerly classified to section 378 of this title.

#### AMENDMENTS

1955—Act Aug. 11, 1955, amended section generally to provide that the relation between the college and the State is to be unaffected, and to require division of appropriations.

### **§ 361i. Power to amend, repeal, etc., reserved**

The Congress may at any time, amend, suspend, or repeal any or all of the provisions of sections 361a to 361i of this title.

(Mar. 2, 1887, ch. 314, §9, 24 Stat. 442; Aug. 11, 1955, ch. 790, §1, 69 Stat. 674.)

#### CODIFICATION

Section was formerly classified to section 368b of this title. The provisions of section 368b were eliminated from section 361i of this title.

## AMENDMENTS

1955—Act Aug. 11, 1955, amended section generally to reserve the right to Congress to amend, suspend, or repeal any or all of the provisions of sections 361a to 361i of this title, and to strike out provisions which subjected grants of moneys to the legislative assent of the several States and Territories.

## SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in sections 361c, 361d, 361e, 361g, 361h of this title.

**§§ 362, 363. Transferred**

## CODIFICATION

Sections, act Mar. 2, 1887, ch. 314, §§1, 2, 24 Stat. 440, as amended, were transferred to sections 361a and 361b, respectively, of this title.

**§ 364. Repealed. Aug. 11, 1955, ch. 790, § 2, 69 Stat. 675**

Section, act Mar. 2, 1889, ch. 373, 25 Stat. 840, required all agricultural experiment stations to devote a portion of their work to the examination and classification of the soils of their respective States and Territories.

## EXISTING RIGHTS AND LIABILITIES

Any rights or liabilities existing under this section as unaffected by repeal, see section 2 of act Aug. 11, 1955, set out as a note under former section 361 of this title.

**§ 365. Transferred**

## CODIFICATION

Section, act Mar. 2, 1887, ch. 314, § 4, 24 Stat. 441, as amended, was transferred to section 361d of this title. For provisions of section 365 of this title which related to issuance and free mailing by stations of bulletins or reports, see section 361f of this title.

**§ 366. Repealed. Aug. 11, 1955, ch. 790, § 2, 69 Stat. 674**

Section, acts Mar. 16, 1906, ch. 951, § 3, 34 Stat. 63; Feb. 24, 1925, ch. 308, § 3, 43 Stat. 971, provided for annual reports by agricultural experiment stations to governors.

## EXISTING RIGHTS AND LIABILITIES

Any rights or liabilities existing under this section as unaffected by repeal, see section 2 of act Aug. 11, 1955, set out as a note under section 361 of this title.

**§ 367. Omitted**

## CODIFICATION

Section was from act July 28, 1953, ch. 251, title I, 67 Stat. 207, the Department of Agriculture Appropriation Act, 1954, and authorized the Secretary of Agriculture to prescribe the form of the annual financial statement required from the agricultural experiment stations. See section 361e of this title. Similar provisions were contained in the following prior appropriation acts:

July 5, 1952, ch. 574, title I, 66 Stat. 337.  
 Aug. 31, 1951, ch. 374, title I, 65 Stat. 228.  
 Sept. 6, 1950, ch. 896, ch. VI, title I, 64 Stat. 660.  
 June 29, 1949, ch. 280, title I, 63 Stat. 330.  
 June 19, 1948, ch. 543, title I, 62 Stat. 514.  
 July 30, 1947, ch. 356, title I, 61 Stat. 530.  
 June 22, 1946, ch. 445, 60 Stat. 277.  
 May 5, 1945, ch. 109, 59 Stat. 143.  
 June 28, 1944, ch. 296, 58 Stat. 432.  
 July 12, 1943, ch. 215, 57 Stat. 400.  
 July 22, 1942, ch. 516, 56 Stat. 670.  
 July 1, 1941, ch. 267, 55 Stat. 412.  
 June 25, 1940, ch. 421, 54 Stat. 536.  
 June 30, 1939, ch. 253, title I, 53 Stat. 944.  
 June 16, 1938, ch. 464, title I, 52 Stat. 715.

June 29, 1937, ch. 404, 50 Stat. 399.  
 June 4, 1936, ch. 489, 49 Stat. 1425.  
 May 17, 1935, ch. 131, title I, 49 Stat. 251.  
 Mar. 26, 1934, ch. 89, 48 Stat. 471.  
 Mar. 3, 1933, ch. 203, 47 Stat. 1435.  
 July 7, 1932, ch. 443, 47 Stat. 613.  
 Feb. 23, 1931, ch. 278, 46 Stat. 1246.  
 May 27, 1930, ch. 341, 46 Stat. 396.  
 Feb. 16, 1929, ch. 227, 45 Stat. 1192.  
 May 16, 1928, ch. 572, 45 Stat. 542.  
 Jan. 18, 1927, ch. 39, 44 Stat. 979.  
 May 11, 1926, ch. 286, 44 Stat. 502.  
 Feb. 10, 1925, ch. 200, 43 Stat. 824.

**§§ 368 to 368b. Transferred**

## CODIFICATION

Section 368, act Mar. 2, 1887, ch. 314, § 3, 24 Stat. 441, as amended, was transferred to section 361c of this title. For provisions of section 368 which provided for assistance and advice by the Secretary of Agriculture, see section 361g of this title.

Section 368a, act Mar. 2, 1887, ch. 314, § 5, 24 Stat. 441, as amended, was transferred to section 361e of this title. For provisions of section 368a which authorized appropriations for investigations and experiments, see sections 361c and 361d of this title.

Section 368b, act Mar. 8, 1887, ch. 314, § 9, 24 Stat. 442, as amended, was transferred to section 361i of this title. Former provisions of section 368b making grants of money authorized by section 368a of this title subject to the legislative assent of the States and Territories were eliminated from section 361i.

**§ 368c. Omitted**

## CODIFICATION

Section, act Mar. 2, 1887, ch. 314, § 10, 24 Stat. 442, which was not reenacted by act Aug. 11, 1955, ch. 790, 69 Stat. 671, reserved the right to Congress to amend, suspend, or repeal any or all of the provisions of act Mar. 2, 1887. See section 361i of this title.

**§§ 369 to 376. Repealed. Aug. 11, 1955, ch. 790, § 2, 69 Stat. 674**

Section 369, act Mar. 16, 1906, ch. 951, § 1, 34 Stat. 63, authorized annual appropriations for agricultural experiment stations. See section 361c of this title.

Section 369a, acts June 20, 1936, ch. 631, §§1, 2, 49 Stat. 1553, 1554; Aug. 29, 1950, ch. 820, 64 Stat. 563, extended provisions of former sections 343a, 343b, 361, 366, 369, 370, 371, 373 to 376, 380, and 382 of this title to Alaska. See section 361a of this title.

Section 370, act Feb. 24, 1925, ch. 308, § 1, 43 Stat. 970, authorized an additional appropriation of \$60,000 for each fiscal year. See section 361c of this title.

Section 371, acts Mar. 16, 1906, ch. 951, § 2, 34 Stat. 63; Feb. 24, 1925, ch. 308, § 2, 43 Stat. 971, made grants of money authorized for agricultural experiment stations subject to the legislative assent of the several States and Territories.

Section 372, act June 7, 1888, ch. 373, 25 Stat. 176, provided for assent to installments of appropriations when the legislature is not in session.

Section 373, acts Mar. 16, 1906, ch. 951, § 2, 34 Stat. 63; Feb. 24, 1925, ch. 308, § 2, 43 Stat. 971, prescribed the time and manner of payments to agricultural experiment stations and required a report of expenditures to the Secretary of Agriculture. See sections 361c and 361e of this title.

Section 374, acts Mar. 16, 1906, ch. 951, § 3, 34 Stat. 63; Feb. 24, 1925, ch. 308, § 3, 43 Stat. 971, required the State to replace moneys misapplied. See section 361e of this title.

Section 375, acts Mar. 16, 1906, ch. 951, § 3, 34 Stat. 63; Feb. 24, 1925, ch. 308, § 3, 43 Stat. 971, permitted use of funds for purchase, repairs, etc., of buildings, or for purchase or rental of lands. See section 361d of this title.

Section 376, acts Mar. 16, 1906, ch. 951, § 4, 34 Stat. 64; Feb. 24, 1925, ch. 308, § 4, 43 Stat. 971, provided for certification of amounts due States for agricultural experiment stations, for withholding certificate, and for redress by Congress. See section 361g of this title.

#### EXISTING RIGHTS AND LIABILITIES

Any rights or liabilities existing under sections 369 to 376 as unaffected by repeal, see section 2 of act Aug. 11, 1955, set out as a note under former section 361 of this title.

### §§ 377 to 379. Transferred

#### CODIFICATION

Section 377, act Mar. 2, 1887, ch. 314, § 6, 24 Stat. 441, as amended, was transferred to section 361f of this title. For provisions of section 377 which related to unexpended part of annual appropriations, see section 361g of this title.

Section 378, act Mar. 2, 1887, ch. 314, § 8, 24 Stat. 441, as amended, was transferred to section 361h of this title.

Section 379, act Mar. 2, 1887, ch. 314, § 7, 24 Stat. 441, as amended, was transferred to section 361g of this title. For provisions of section 379 which provided that the relation of the college to the State was unaffected, see section 361h of this title.

### § 380. Repealed. Aug. 11, 1955, ch. 790, § 2, 69 Stat. 674

Section, acts Mar. 16, 1906, ch. 951, § 5, 34 Stat. 64; Feb. 24, 1925, ch. 308, § 5, 43 Stat. 972, provided for an annual report to Congress. See section 361g of this title.

#### EXISTING RIGHTS AND LIABILITIES

Any rights or liabilities existing under this section as unaffected by repeal, see section 2 of act Aug. 11, 1955, set out as a note under former section 361 of this title.

### § 381. Omitted

#### CODIFICATION

Section was from act Mar. 2, 1901, ch. 805, 31 Stat. 935, the Agricultural Appropriation Act, 1902, and authorized the Secretary of Agriculture to employ personnel and to incur administrative expenses in carrying out the objects of the agricultural experiment station program. See section 361g of this title. Similar provisions were contained in several prior appropriation acts.

### §§ 382, 383. Repealed. Aug. 11, 1955, ch. 790, § 2, 69 Stat. 674, 675

Section 382, acts Mar. 16, 1906, ch. 951, § 6, 34 Stat. 64; Feb. 24, 1925, ch. 308, § 6, 43 Stat. 972, reserved the right to Congress to amend, suspend or repeal any and all of the provisions of act Mar. 16, 1906. See section 361i of this title.

Section 383, act Oct. 1, 1918, ch. 178, 40 Stat. 998, authorized appropriations for the Georgia Experiment Station. See section 361c of this title.

#### EXISTING RIGHTS AND LIABILITIES

Any rights or liabilities existing under these sections as unaffected by repeal, see section 2 of act Aug. 11, 1955, set out as a note under former section 361 of this title.

### § 384. Card index of agricultural literature; copies to be furnished by Secretary

The Secretary of Agriculture may furnish to such institutions or individuals as may care to buy them copies of the card index of agricultural literature prepared by the Department of Agriculture in connection with its administra-

tion of the Act of March second, eighteen hundred and eighty-seven [7 U.S.C. 361a et seq.], and the Act of March sixteenth, nineteen hundred and six, and the Acts amendatory of and supplementary thereto, and charge for the same a price covering the additional expenses involved in the preparation of these copies, the money received from such sales to be deposited in the Treasury of the United States as miscellaneous receipts.

(Mar. 4, 1915, ch. 144, 38 Stat. 1109.)

#### REFERENCES IN TEXT

The Act of March second, eighteen hundred and eighty-seven, referred to in text, is act Mar. 2, 1887, ch. 314, 24 Stat. 440, as amended, popularly known as the Hatch Act of 1887, which is classified generally to sections 361a to 361i of this title. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 361a of this title and Tables.

The Act of March sixteenth, nineteen hundred and six, referred to in text, means act Mar. 16, 1906, ch. 951, 34 Stat. 63, as amended, known as the Adams Act of 1906, which was classified to sections 361, 366, 369, 371, 373 to 376, 380, and 382 of this title, and was repealed by act Aug. 11, 1955, ch. 790, § 2, 69 Stat. 674. For complete classification of this Act to the Code prior to repeal, see Tables.

#### TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

Functions of all officers, agencies, and employees of Department of Agriculture transferred, with certain exceptions, to Secretary of Agriculture by 1953 Reorg. Plan No. 2, § 1, eff. June 4, 1953, 18 F.R. 3219, 67 Stat. 633, set out as a note under section 2201 of this title.

### § 385. South Carolina Experiment Station; co-operation by Secretary of Agriculture; lump sum appropriation

There is authorized to be appropriated the sum of \$50,000 to enable the Secretary of Agriculture to cooperate with the South Carolina Agricultural Experiment Station and/or other agencies in making investigations and experiments in dairying and livestock industries and of the problems pertaining to the establishment and development of such industries, including cropping systems, soil improvement, and farm organization studies of such industries, and for demonstration, assistance, and service in developing the agriculture of the Sand Hill region of the Southeast.

(Mar. 3, 1927, ch. 367, § 1, 44 Stat. 1397.)

#### SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in section 385a of this title.

### § 385a. Authorization of appropriations

There is authorized to be appropriated each fiscal year necessary appropriations to enable the Secretary of Agriculture to carry on the co-operative experiments contemplated by section 385 of this title.

(Mar. 3, 1927, ch. 367, § 2, as added Feb. 4, 1928, ch. 24, 45 Stat. 57.)

### §§ 386 to 386f. Repealed. Aug. 11, 1955, ch. 790, § 2, 69 Stat. 674

Sections 386 to 386f, act May 16, 1928, ch. 575, §§ 1-3, 45 Stat. 571, 572, provided for establishment of an experiment station in Hawaii, authorized appropriations and

an increase in permanent annual appropriations. See sections 361a and 361c of this title.

Section 386c, act Feb. 23, 1929, ch. 299, 45 Stat. 1256, extended provisions of agricultural experiment station program to Alaska. See section 361a of this title.

Sections 386d to 386f, acts Mar. 4, 1931, ch. 499, §§ 1-3, 46 Stat. 1520, 1521; May 17, 1932, ch. 190, 47 Stat. 158, provided for establishment of an experiment station in Puerto Rico, authorized appropriations and an increase in permanent annual appropriations. See sections 361a and 361c of this title.

#### EXISTING RIGHTS AND LIABILITIES

Any rights or liabilities existing under sections 386 to 386f as unaffected by repeal, see section 2 of act Aug. 11, 1955, set out as a note under former section 361 of this title.

### § 386g. Repealed. Oct. 31, 1951, ch. 654, § 1(10), 65 Stat. 701

Section, act July 7, 1932, ch. 443, § 1, 47 Stat. 614, related to transfer or sale of property of Alaska, Guam, and Virgin Islands stations.

## SUBCHAPTER II — EXPERIMENT STATIONS FOR PROPAGATION OF TREES, SHRUBS, VINES, AND VEGETABLES

### § 387. Station for semi-arid or dry-land regions; establishment

The Secretary of Agriculture is authorized and directed to cause such shade, ornamental, fruit, and shelter-belt trees, shrubs, vines, and vegetables as are adapted to the conditions and needs of the semi-arid or dry-land regions of the United States, to be propagated at an experiment station of the Department of Agriculture to be established at or near Cheyenne, Wyoming, and seedlings, and cuttings and seeds of such trees, shrubs, vines, and vegetables to be distributed free of charge under such regulations as he may prescribe for experimental and demonstration purposes within the semi-arid or dry-land regions of the United States.

(Mar. 19, 1928, ch. 228, § 1, 45 Stat. 323.)

#### TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

All functions of all officers, agencies and employees of the Department of Agriculture were transferred, with certain exceptions, to the Secretary of Agriculture by 1953 Reorg. Plan No. 2, § 1, eff. June 4, 1953, 18 F.R. 3219, 67 Stat. 633, set out as a note under section 2201 of this title.

#### SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in section 387a of this title.

### § 387a. Authorization of appropriations

There is authorized to be appropriated each fiscal year necessary appropriations to enable the Secretary of Agriculture to carry on the experiments contemplated by section 387 of this title.

(Mar. 19, 1928, ch. 228, § 3, 45 Stat. 323.)

### § 388. Station for southern Great Plains area; establishment

The Secretary of Agriculture is authorized and directed to cause such shade, ornamental, fruit, and shelter-belt trees, shrubs, and vines as are adapted to the conditions and needs of the southern Great Plains area, comprised of those

parts of the States of Colorado, Nebraska, Kansas, Texas, Oklahoma, and New Mexico lying west of the ninety-eighth meridian and east of the five thousand-foot contour line, to be propagated at one of the existing field stations of the Department of Agriculture in such area, and seedlings and cuttings and seeds of such trees, shrubs, and vines to be distributed free of charge under such regulations as he may prescribe for experimental and demonstration purposes within such area.

(Apr. 16, 1928, ch. 377, § 1, 45 Stat. 430.)

#### TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

Functions of all officers, agencies, and employees of Department of Agriculture transferred, with certain exceptions, to Secretary of Agriculture by 1953 Reorg. Plan No. 2, § 1, eff. June 4, 1953, 18 F.R. 3219, 67 Stat. 633, set out as a note under section 2201 of this title.

#### SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in section 388a of this title.

### § 388a. Authorization of appropriations

There is authorized to be appropriated each fiscal year necessary appropriations to enable the Secretary of Agriculture to carry on the experiments contemplated by section 388 of this title.

(Apr. 16, 1928, ch. 377, § 3, 45 Stat. 431.)

### § 389. Transfer of certain dry land and irrigation field stations to States

The Secretary of Agriculture is authorized, at such times as he deems appropriate, to convey by appropriate conveyances, without consideration, the interest of the United States in the lands, including water rights, buildings, and improvements presently comprising or appurtenant to the following dry land and irrigation field stations, to the States in which such stations are located, when, in the opinion of the Secretary of Agriculture, the transfer of any such station will result in establishing a more effective program in the cooperative agricultural experimental work of the Department of Agriculture and the respective State and the furtherance of agricultural experimental work on a national or regional basis will be better served by such transfer: Huntley, Montana; Mitchell, Nebraska; Fallon, Nevada; Tucumcari, New Mexico; Hermiston, Oregon; Sheridan, Wyoming; *Provided*, That when any or all of the land, including water rights, comprising any such station is public-domain land, only the Secretary of the Interior may by patent or other appropriate conveyance transfer such lands to the respective States: *Provided further*, That when any easement necessary to a station conveyed or patented hereunder is on public-domain lands, only the Secretary of the Interior may grant such easements to the State to which the station has been conveyed.

(Sept. 23, 1950, ch. 1005, § 1, 64 Stat. 981.)

#### TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

Functions of all officers, agencies, and employees of Department of Agriculture transferred, with certain exceptions, to Secretary of Agriculture by 1953 Reorg. Plan No. 2, § 1, eff. June 4, 1953, 18 F.R. 3219, 67 Stat. 633, set out as a note under section 2201 of this title.